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Letter dated 5 February 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to inform you that, at 7.35 a.m. today, the Saudi Air Defence Force intercepted a ballistic missile, launched from Sa'dah by the Iranian-backed Houthi militia and targeting densely populated civilian areas in the city of Khamis Mushayt. To date, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has been targeted more than 90 times with ballistic missiles launched by the terrorist Houthi militia.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia calls upon the Security Council to uphold its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security by condemning these Houthi ballistic missile attacks, which pose grave threats to the security of the Kingdom, as well as the peace and security of the Middle East. Furthermore, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia calls upon the Council to hold the Houthis' Iranian sponsors accountable for furnishing this non-State terrorist group with ballistic missiles with which to attack a fellow State Member of the United Nations. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and numerous other Member States have repeatedly shared insurmountable evidence that proves that Iran supports the Houthi terrorist militias, in particular through the smuggling of ballistic missiles into Yemen to target the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions 2216 (2015) and 2231 (2015).

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia also calls upon the Council to unite to send a clear message to Iran that it must comply with resolution 2231 (2015) in its entirety and to comprehensively represent the true extent of Iran's violations of resolutions 2216 (2015) and 2231 (2015), respectively, through the holding of a joint meeting of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014) and the Council in the "2231 format". It also calls for a joint briefing by the Panel of Experts on Yemen and the Secretariat on their respective findings, as recommended by the Secretary-General in his report on the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) (S/2017/1030).

My delegation requests that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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